

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration in view of the previous amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 7, 10-14 and 19 are pending. Claims 1-4 and 9 have been cancelled. Claims 7, 10-14 and 19 currently read on the elected species. Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 9-14 are allowable.

The Office Action rejects claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,812,570 to Spaeth in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,733,685 to Kauppila; and rejects claim 19 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Spaeth and Kauppila.

Applicants' independent claim 7 is amended to include the allowable features of claim 9. Thus, this application is in condition for allowance.

The dependent claims are allowable for at least the reasons discussed above as well as for the individual features they recite. Early and favorable action with respect to this application is respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, or should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference with the undersigned would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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